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# Woodstock City Manager's Newsletter



## Around Town

Trick-or-treating hours in the neighborhoods are from 4:00-7:00 pm



**HALLOWEEN FESTIVITIES  
ON THE SQUARE**

**Monday, October 31st 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm**

Annual Costume Contest - Gazebo  
Prizes will be awarded by 4:15 pm  
The contest will be followed  
by trick-or-treating around the Square until 5:00 pm.  
Prizes will be awarded for the "scariest," "funniest,"  
and "most original" costumes in four age categories:  
3 years & younger, 4 to 8 years,  
9 to 13 years, and 14 & older

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### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21

- **Spooky Science Night**, Challenger 6:00 pm \$17 Preregistration required.
- **Jazz Night**, Stage Left Café, 8:00 pm
- **WMTC's Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**, Opera House Main Stage, 8:00 pm

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

- **Farmer's Market**, Woodstock Square, 8:00 am - 1:00 pm
- **Prescription Drug Take-Back**, Woodstock Police Station, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm see page 9 for more details
- **WMTC's Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**, Opera House Main Stage, 8:00 pm

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

- **WMTC's Joseph ..... Technicolor Dreamcoat**, Opera House Main Stage, 3:00 pm

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 24

- **Adult Coloring**, Woodstock Public Library, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25

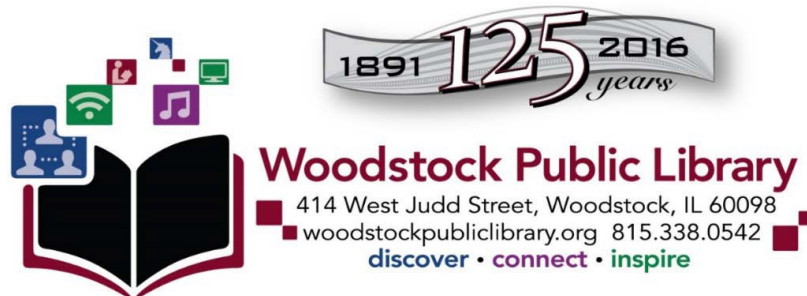
- **Farmer's Market**, Woodstock Square, 8:00 am - 1:00 pm
- **Senior Coffee**, Stage Left Café, 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm
- **McHenry County Civil War Roundtable**, Woodstock Public Library, 7:00 pm

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# PUBLIC LIBRARY



## ***Quilters Discussion Forum***

This group meets monthly on the third Tuesday of each month, open to any topic related to the art of quilting; construction, design, tools, books and more! The next meeting is Tuesday, November 15th from 7:00 – 8:30 pm.

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## ***Woodstock Train Group***

Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm, the Woodstock Train Group will be talking about the Pros and Cons of Digital Command Control.

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## ***Intermediate Computer Classes***

Microsoft Word classes will be held at the library on Saturdays, October 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. This is a two-session class that will familiarize students with the basic functions & skills needed to use Microsoft Word software. Class fee is \$10.00; in person or phone registration required, 815-338-0542.

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## ***Job Interview Skills Workshop***

Wednesday, October 26, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Learn what to do before, during and after an interview as well as the importance of appearance, punctuality, and non-verbal communication. Learn about the 5 different kinds of interviews, the 12 most commonly asked questions, and how to have the variables within your control work for you. Great for anyone searching for employment.

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## ***IT Assistance***

Need help with that tablet or other smart device? Stop in Tuesday nights from 7:00 – 8:00 pm and Thursday mornings between 10:00 and 11:00 am for some one-on-one assistance with our IT Librarian gurus.

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***English Conversation Club*** - Interested in practicing your English? Joining our Conversation Club on Tuesdays at 10:00 am is a great opportunity for native Spanish speakers.

## **STORYTIME:**

**September 19 – November 23**

### **Babies and Books Storytime**

Babies and caregivers will share books, songs, activities, and playtime during each lap-sit program. Registration limited to WPL cardholders.

**Day:** Tuesdays

**Time:** 10:30-11:00 am

**Ages:** 6 to 23 months

### **ChildSpace 2-3 Storytime**

2-3 year olds can meet and make new friends while we share stories, songs, and crafts!

**Day:** Wednesdays

**Time:** 10:00-10:30 am

**Ages:** 2-3 years

### **4-K Storytime**

Children 4-years-old through Kindergarten will enjoy stories, dancing and crafts. Older siblings welcome, younger siblings may join in with caregivers.

**Day:** Wednesdays

**Time:** 11:00-11:30 am

**Ages:** 4 years-Kindergarten

### **Drop-In Storytime**

Our newest storytime is here. Pop by for stories, crafts, and fun. Open to all!

**Day:** Fridays

**Time:** 10:30 am

**Ages:** All Ages

### **Spanish-Language Storytime**

Families who speak, or are learning to speak, Spanish can enjoy stories, crafts, and songs at our Spanish-language storytime. This program is conducted entirely in Spanish.

**Time:** 6:30-7:00 pm

**Ages:** 2 years old and up



### **Cuentos en Español**

¡Traiga a sus niños a pasar una tarde divertida! Invitamos a las familias que hablan o están aprendiendo español a que se acerquen a la Biblioteca para escuchar el relato de interesantes historias, realizar manualidades y aprender bellas canciones. El programa se realiza enteramente en español.

**Día/Hora:** Los días Lunes de 6:30 a 7:00 pm

**Edad:** Mayores de 2 años





# RECREATION

## Fall Break Fun with D200

Last Thursday, during a D200 day off of school, **Recreation Program Coordinators Alan Dunker, Renee Torrez and Becky Vidales**, took twenty-six tweens to the Timber Ridge Resort in Lake Geneva. The group had the waterpark to themselves with lunch and game tokens to the arcade all included on the trip. Special thanks to **Street Division Foreman Roger Vidales** for using a day off to volunteer to help chaperone. Coming up for the Tweens is a trip to Gameworks on October 25th (half day of school) and Tween Night at the Rec Center on November 5th.



## WRC Supports the Care4Breast Cancer Run in More Ways than One



Each year the Recreation Center signs up a team for the Care4 Breast Cancer Run. This year had a bit more meaning as members and employees joined under the team "Fight Like a Girl" in support of **Group Fitness Instructor Jill Flores** after she began her battle with breast cancer earlier this year. Her 80-person team raised close to \$3,500 for this great cause. Jill was also featured on the front page of Monday's Northwest Herald, which included positive remarks about the

Recreation Center.

The Rec Center also offered members a fun way to participate in Breast Cancer Awareness month. Each time a member worked out from October 1<sup>st</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>, he/she had the opportunity to enter a raffle for a pink prize basket. Pictured is member and **Staff Accountant Ruth Ann Lieb** who was the basket winner.



## Swim Lessons Begin

The *Recreation Departments American Red Cross Swimming Lessons* began this month. Nine classes are running including Parent Tot and Levels I-VI. Swim lessons are held at Woodstock High School on Monday evenings and Saturday mornings during the off season, while Parent Tot is held at the Rec Center on Sunday afternoons. The next session of lessons will begin in February.

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

***Fodor's Travel Article*** – Woodstock was included in a *Fodor's Travel* article, “25 Underrated Midwestern Towns to Visit this Fall.” You can view the article on their website by clicking [here](#). In addition, the *Northwest Herald* also included a banner article on their [website](#). Councilman Turner and Farmer's Market Manager Keith Johnson were quoted by the *Northwest Herald*.



***Farmer's Market Award*** – The Woodstock Farmer's Market received a fourth place ranking for the State of Illinois by the American Farmland Trust's [Farmers Market Celebration](#).

***Ribbon Cutting Ceremony*** – The Mayor and members of the City Administration attended the ribbon cutting for MG Performance Strength and Conditioning, 11820A Catalpa Lane on Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>.

ICSC CHICAGO  
DEAL MAKING

**Economic Development Director, Garrett Anderson** and **Economic Development Coordinator, Krista Coltrin** spent two days at the International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC), Chicago Deal Making Conference. Held annually, these deal making events are a great opportunity for owners, developers, retailers, brokers, lenders, municipalities, property asset managers, and product and service providers to gather under one roof to exhibit, make deals and form successful business partnerships.



# OPERA HOUSE



10/20 -10/30 Stage Left



Dracula

10/27



Tashi Norbu

10/28



Fat Babies

10/29



TownSquare Players

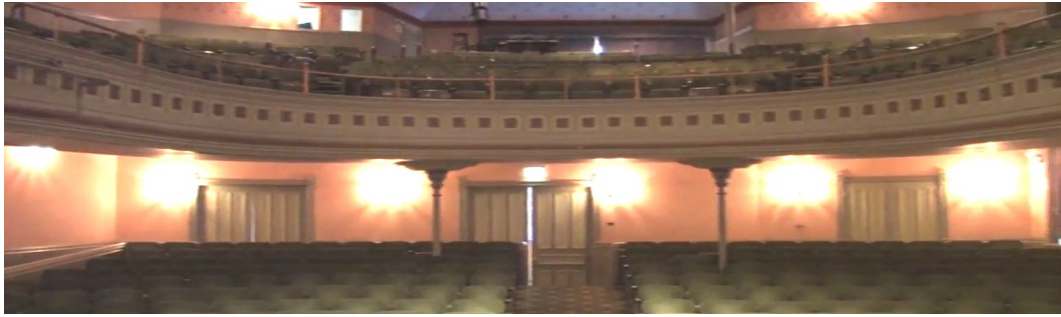
11/4 - 8 pm

11/5 - 3 pm

11/6 - 3 pm

# OPERA HOUSE

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## Events in October

10/21	Jazz Night		SLC	8 pm
10/21-22	Joseph.....Dreamcoat	\$	MS	8 pm
10/22	His Girl Friday	\$	MS	3:30 pm
10/23	Joseph.....Dreamcoat	\$	MS	3 pm
10/23	His Girl Friday	\$	MS	7:30 pm
10/25	Senior Coffee		SLC	1 pm
10/26	Stage Leftovers		SLC	7 pm
10/27	His Girl Friday	\$	SLC	7:30
10/27	Dracula	\$	MS	8 pm
10/28	Open Mic		SLC	7 pm
10/28	Orson Welles / Tashi Norbu	\$	MS	7 pm
10/29	Fat Babies	\$	MS	8 pm
10/29	His Girl Friday	\$	SLC	3:30 pm
10/30	His Girl Friday	\$	SLC	7:30 pm

**SLC** - Stage Left Café      **MS** - Main Stage

**CR** - Community Room

**\$** - Ticket Needed

# HUMAN RESOURCES

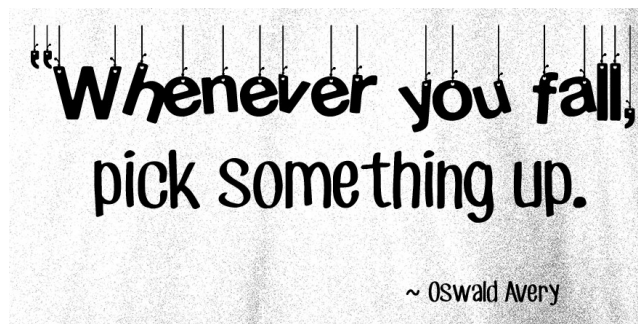
## RECRUITMENT

**Final Patrol Eligibility List—Woodstock Police Department:** The Human Resources Department has received the Final Patrol Eligibility List from the City of Woodstock Board of Fire & Police Commissioners. The final list is based on preference points requested from the candidates on the initial eligibility list for any military service, law enforcement service, or law enforcement college degrees. Names on Final Patrol Eligibility List will be in effect until October 17, 2018.



**Limited Part-Time Library Shelver—Woodstock Public Library:** The City of Woodstock is accepting applications for a year-round position of limited part-time Library Shelver with the Woodstock Public Library. Variable schedule of no more than 20 hours per week includes Monday - Wednesday 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm. **NOTE: This is not a seasonal position; candidates must demonstrate commitment to year-round continued employment on a set schedule.** Minimum Qualifications: excellent organizational skills and attention to detail; ability to lift books, push carts and stand for extended periods of time; ability to respond to customer inquiries in a pleasant, mature fashion; ability to work scheduled days and times consistently throughout the year; age 16 years or older. Starting salary rate: \$8.25 per hour; no additional benefits are provided. **Application deadline: Friday, November 4, 2016 at 5:00 pm.**

Please refer to the City's website at [www.woodstockil.gov](http://www.woodstockil.gov) and click on the Jobs section for further details and the application process for the above opportunity. *The City of Woodstock is an Equal Opportunity Employer.*





## National Prescription Drug Take Back Day – October 22

The Woodstock Police Department will again participate in the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) National Drug Take-Back Day event from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm in the public parking lot (east side of the building) located at 656 Lake Avenue on October 22nd.

Any and all prescription or over-the-counter drugs will be accepted if they are in pill form (no liquids or syringes.) You can bring in as few or as many as you have – there is no minimum or maximum. The drugs will be accepted no questions asked and will then be properly destroyed by the DEA in an environmentally-safe fashion. The service is free and your privacy is protected. You don't even have to get out of your vehicle, Officers will be on hand to assist you, you can drive-by, drop off and be on your way.

Since 2010, county law enforcement agencies have collected an average of nearly 2,000 pounds (one ton) per year of expired/unwanted solid dosage medication during the Drug Take-Back Day program! For further information, please call Tamara Reed at 815-338-6787

# Got Drugs?

Turn in your unused or expired  
medication for safe disposal



# PUBLIC WORKS

## **Leaf Collection Begins at 7:00 am on Monday, October 24th MONDAY, OCTOBER 24**

Leaf collection begins on all streets NORTH of the railroad tracks during the week of October 24—October 28. Residents in this area must have their leaves raked to the parkway by 7:00 am on Monday, October 24.

## **MONDAY, OCTOBER 31**

Leaf collection begins on all streets SOUTH of the railroad tracks during the week of October 31—November 4. Residents in this area must have their leaves raked to the parkway by 7:00 am on Monday, October 31.

## **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7**

Weather permitting, leaf collection begins on all streets NORTH of the railroad tracks during the week of November 7—November 11. Residents in this area must have their leaves raked to the parkway by 7:00 am on Monday, November 7.

## **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14**

Weather permitting, leaf collection begins on all streets SOUTH of the railroad tracks during the week of November 14 - November 18. Residents in this area must have their leaves raked to the parkway by 7:00 am on Monday, November 14.

**Anytime during the program, the Department of Public Works will collect leaves placed in compostable paper bags. This service will remain available until the end of the day Friday, December 2.**

## **Wastewater Treatment Employee Receives IEPA Certification**

Wastewater Treatment employee, Dan Bolda, recently obtained a Certificate of Competency as a Class 2 Wastewater Treatment Operator. Class 2 is the second highest certification offered through the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. The State of Illinois requires six years of a combination of hands on operating experience and wastewater coursework to qualify to take the exam.



Wastewater treatment facilities in Illinois are required to be operated by at least one certified wastewater treatment operator. This is mandatory in order to protect public health, environmental quality, and our community's financial investment in its wastewater facilities.

## Opera House Vehicle Gets Update

The Opera House frequently uses a van to maintain their building as well as moving sets and production materials. They also use it as a welcome wagon to transport dignitaries and performing artists throughout Woodstock.



This past week the Opera House received a new van to replace the aging one currently in use. While the previous van had low miles, the hard winters had taken a toll on the body and chassis. The Fleet Division consulted with Opera House staff to select a van that best fit their needs. The new van is more fuel-efficient, has additional cargo and passenger capacity, as well as improved visibility from the driver seat. The Opera House staff was all smiles as they welcomed it into the fleet.

Be sure to keep an eye out for the new van around town and give them a wave!

## Reclamite® Application Began This Week

The Department of Public Works has partnered with Corrective Asphalt Materials in the application of an asphalt preservative seal product called Reclamite®. Many neighboring communities have been using this product on their municipal streets for a number of years to increase the life span of street surfaces.

Reclamite® is applied directly to the pavement surface and penetrates the top layer of pavement. The product keeps the pavement flexible, reducing cracking and road fatigue, while also sealing the pavement surface from air and water damage. The treatment is estimated to extend a street's lifespan between 5 and 7 years.



Residents will be notified prior to the application by the contractor.

(Please be aware that this treatment is weather dependent, if the forecast calls for rain, operations will be delayed.) **Water reduces the effectiveness of the rejuvenator therefore, any and all lawn sprinkling systems shall be turned off the day of treatment as well as the day following treatment.**



# FINANCE



The US Special Census finalized its field operations the first week of October and sent all of the data gathered to the Census Bureau for review and compilation of the results. In addition, the City did receive a preliminary count that indicates the City's population would increase by 587 residents, reaching a total of 25,357, in line with staffs' estimates. This will generate an additional \$88,871 per year in State-shared revenues, resulting in a one-year payback.

The City will await receipt of the final letter from the Census Bureau, which may take as long as 90 days, to confirm the population count. This letter will also be transmitted to the IL Secretary of State, which is required to modify the community's official population. Once certified by the IL Secretary of State, the new population counts will be utilized by the appropriate State agencies for the allocation of State-shared revenues. This certification will also confer Home Rule status due to the City's population exceeding the 25,000 threshold established within the IL Constitution. It will not automatically raise taxes; such decisions remain part of the existing process, as discussed and voted upon by elected officials, with welcomed public input, at City Council meetings the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month.

## **WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS TO RESIDENTS FROM HOME RULE?**

Some community members believe Woodstock should not have pursued the funding available to pay for our new residents' services, simply to avoid redefining the City's governing status. Home Rule community status is currently enjoyed by 80% of all Illinois residents. Home Rule cities are divided almost equally between those who achieved it automatically due to population, and those who voted by referendum to assume that status due to its desirable local control benefits.

Successful Home Rule cities are all around Woodstock including Crystal Lake, McHenry, Algonquin, and Lake in the Hills. Huntley's Special Census completed several months earlier also resulted in Home Rule as well. The City of Woodstock believes our residents deserve to enjoy the same selective taxing and legislative controls found in all of these neighboring communities.

Home Rule cities are exempt from the State's property tax cap law that limits the annual levy request to the lesser of the rate of inflation, or 5 percent. But Woodstock has no intent to use this exemption, as demonstrated by the fact that Woodstock has chosen not to take even the currently allowed Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (PTELL) increase for five consecutive years, as many other local taxing bodies have done. This has collectively saved Woodstock taxpayers more than \$3.2 million over these five years, and the owner of a \$150,000 home a total of more than \$225 over what the City could have legally raised for property taxes during this time.

Home Rule also means cities have more choices in the kinds of taxes and laws they can create, and they are able to do so with their particular community's needs in mind. Most importantly, every such proposal still goes through a public process, with Woodstock City Council members encouraging contact by all residents to share their thoughts and concerns.

Home Rule status allows the following level of local control options, not currently possible as a Non-Home Rule community:

- Gives authority to license landlords and create ordinances to require crime-free housing standards through training and enforcement, increasing property values.
- Taxpayers would be exempt from paying certain unfunded State mandates in response to laws and procedures whose implementation can be better addressed by the community.
- Customized flexibility in types of taxation, fees, and licensing; this can shift tax burden away from residents and towards visitor uses, an increasing element of our downtown's economic sustainability. One example: the State's set fee to license video game machines is currently only \$25; if Home Rule, the City can determine the level for this fee. Many of the Home Rule communities currently charge \$1,000 per machine, while still strictly controlling the number of machines allowed.
- Can improve the City's Bond rating, saving taxpayers money on all borrowed funds, an essential part of municipal financing; current bonds (for the police station, library and waterpark, for instance) would be refinanced at this better rate with immediate savings. Each resulting 0.25% reduction in interest rates would save the City \$37,900 annually, based on our current outstanding debt.
- The State is prevented from imposing super zoning authority, so local governments can respond to specific situations and better control their own development projects.
- Greater control of personnel policies and practices, including internal hiring and termination of police personnel, a function now controlled in some cases by the City's Board of Fire & Police Commissioners.

The NIU Center for Governmental Studies conducted two comprehensive studies on the effects of Home Rule status in Illinois since its inception in 1970; these studies confirmed that Home Rule status was not experienced negatively in the large majority of cities. In a handful of cases, mismanagement for reasons other than increased taxes caused the status to be rescinded through referendum. Overall, the studies found there was no identifiable difference in the amount of taxation in Home Rule versus Non-Home Rule communities, while residents reported increased satisfaction with their quality of life as a result of Home Rule status.

Residents are encouraged to call their elected [City Council representatives](#), or the City Manager's Office at 815-338-4301, with questions or concerns about these or other topics.

# CELEBRATIONS

## October Employment Anniversaries



Donna Limbaugh	Building & Zoning	October	10	27 years
Terry Willcockson	City Manager's Office	October	1	22 years
Becky Vidales	Recreation	October	11	21 years
Lisa Miller	Library	October	7	19 years
Harry Luckey, Jr.	Crossing Guard	October	7	12 years
Cynthia White	Opera House	October	4	12 years
M. Yesenia Carreno	Police	October	17	11 years
Charles Vorderer	Police	October	19	11 years
Abby-Gale Leitzen	Recreation	October	27	8 years
Marianne Gervais	Opera House	October	8	4 years
Dan Wiegel	Opera House	October	23	4 years
Jill May	Human Resources	October	21	3 years
Tami Soto	Police	October	1	3 years
Krista Coltrin	Economic Development	October	28	1 year
Leah Dechant	Recreation	October	17	1 year

### **Need something to Celebrate? Here are some ideas!**

- Get Organized Week – October 23-29
- National Red Ribbon Week – October 23-29
- National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week – October 23-29
- Nuclear Science Week –October 24-28
- National Fig Week - November 1-7
- National Patient Accessibility Week November 1-7
- World Communication Week - November 1-7
- Sherlock Holmes Weekend - November 4 - 6
- Health Information and Technology Week November 3-9
- International Fraud Awareness Week November 3-9
- National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week - November 3-9
- National Nurse Practitioner's Week November 3-9



# WOODSTOCK CELEBRATES



## Orson Welles Creative Arts Festival October 26th-29th

Widely considered one of the greatest filmmakers of all-time, Orson Welles called Woodstock home. It was here where Welles spent his formative years at the Todd School, and first performed on the Woodstock Opera House stage.

Woodstock celebrates its favorite son during the month of October with the Orson Welles Creative Arts Festival! This year's fest will recognize Welles' Shakespearean work in film, stage, radio and television. The Woodstock Theatre will be showing the remastered version of *Chimes at Midnight* on Wednesday, October 26th at 7:00 pm. The film will have a special introduction and a Q&A session following the film.

### All October

Gallery and sculpture exhibits at the Old Courthouse Arts Center throughout the entire month of October.

### October 28 – Beginning 7:00 pm, Woodstock Opera House

- A live theater production of Robin Weatherall's "Five Kings."
- Tibetan artist, Tashi Norbu will create a large scale painting to the music of Mozart, performed by members of the Midwest Mozart Festival.

### October 29 – Beginning 10:00 am, Flores Banquet Hall

- Michael Dawson will discuss his restoration of Welles' *Othello* and *Chimes at Midnight*. There will also be a screening of the documentary *Restoring Othello*. 10:00 am, Flores Banquet Hall.
- Professor Marguerite Rippey of Marymount College will discuss her upcoming book on Orson Welles' all Black Voodoo Macbeth set in Haiti. 1:00 pm, Flores Banquet Hall.
- Professor Michael Anderegg of North Dakota University, author of *Welles and Shakespeare* will discuss Orson Welles' work in Shakespeare in all three mediums of radio, stage and cinema. 3:00 pm, Flores Banquet Hall, Old Courthouse Arts Center.
- A Halloween Costume Ball Party. 7:00 pm, Flores Banquet Hall.

# AROUND TOWN

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## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26

- **Stage Leftovers**, Stage Left Café, 7:00 pm
- **Trivia Night**, Main Street PourHouse, 7:00 pm

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27

- **His Girl Friday**, Stage Left Café, 7:30 pm
- **Dracula**, Opera House Main Stage, 8:00 pm
- **Christmas Clearing House Culver's FUNDRAISER**, Woodstock Culvers, 4:00 pm - 10:00 pm See page 21 for more information

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28

- **Friday Fun Day**, Public Library, Children's Department, All Day
- **Orson Welles Night**, Opera House Main Stage, 7:00 pm
- **Open Mic Night**, Stage Left Café, 7:00 pm

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

- **Winter Market**, McHenry County Fairgrounds, 11900 Country Club Road. 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
- **Hotel Transylvania 2**, Classic Cinemas, 10:00 pm \$1 or Free if in Costume

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

- **Sparrow Dance Company**, Woodstock Square, , Four 30 Minute performances starting 2:00 pm with the last dance at 5:00 pm

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 31

- **Halloween Festivities**, Woodstock Square, Costume Contest at 4:00 pm, Trick or Treating until 5:00 pm

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

- **Senior Coffee**, Stage Left Café, 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3

- **IT Assistance**, Woodstock Public Library, 10:00 am - 11:00 am





[CLICK HERE FOR  
REGISTRATION](#)

## FRIENDS OF THE OLD COURTHOUSE INVITES YOU TO JOIN OUR GINGERBREAD HOUSE DISPLAY AND COMPETITION

All Gingerbread Houses will be displayed in the lobby of the Old Courthouse, 101 N. Johnson Street, Woodstock, from the Lighting of the Square (11/25/16) until mid-December (12/16/16).

### **RULES:**

All Gingerbread House entries must be in the form of a building. Please include your name and Gingerbread House title in a visible place on the base. All Gingerbread Houses must be placed on a plywood board base, (no cardboard allowed) not exceeding 18"x18". Plywood board base will be provided free of charge

at City Hall when registration form is submitted.

All Gingerbread Houses must be 100% edible; except for the base board and candy wrappers.

Use only Royal Icing (see recipe on Registration form); structures made with egg or butter icings quickly turn rancid. The meringue powder is also provided free of charge at City Hall when registration form is submitted.

Do not use anything on your house that requires refrigeration (such as prepared Jello).

**No** battery or electric components in or around your Gingerbread House are allowed. Group Entries are allowed; one Gingerbread House per participant/group.

Registration is required so space can be reserved. Please submit the Registration form to Woodstock City Hall, 121 W. Calhoun Street, Woodstock by 11/4/16. City Hall hours: 8:30am - 5:00pm M,W,Th,F and 8:30am - 7:00pm Tuesdays

Completed Gingerbread House must be submitted to the Old Courthouse on Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup> from noon-3:00pm or Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> from noon - 3:00pm.

Judging will take place between 11/21/16-11/24/16 and results will be displayed on 11/25/16. Categories include: Children (10& under), Family, Group, and Business. Judging will be based on the following criteria: Overall appearance, Difficulty, Creativity and Originality. There will be a winner and honorable mention awarded in each category. There will also be a People's Choice award based on visitor ballot voting at the Lighting of the Square Ceremony on 11/25/16 from 5:00-8:00pm. Winner will be notified by email.

Gingerbread Houses must be picked up on Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> from noon-3:00pm. Failure to do so will result in disposal of your entry.

**THANK YOU FOR JOINING OUR GINGERBREAD HOUSE COMPETITION!**



# HAPPENINGS

## ***Shoe Drive Kickoff***

Helping Paws Animal Shelter, 2500 Harding Lane in Woodstock, is conducting a shoe collection drive from October 15<sup>th</sup> through December 15<sup>th</sup> to raise funds for homeless dogs & cats. The Shelter will earn funds based on the number of pairs collected as Funds2Orgs will purchase all of the donated shoes. Anyone can help by donating gently worn, used or new shoes. Click here for [donation locations](#).

## ***Farmer's Market***

The Summer Farmer's Market will be wrapping up on Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. The Winter Market officially opens on Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM, at the McHenry County Fairgrounds, 11900 Country Club Road. Click here for [Winter Market Vendors](#).

## ***Green Living Expo***

McHenry County College is hosting this event on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Learn about the latest in sustainable living, get ideas for energy savings, shop for green gifts, and take in fun, educational exhibits. Tour a fully-decorated tiny house, test drive an electric car, and check out super mileage and solar cars. For further information, click [Green Living Expo](#).

## ***Gingerbread House Walk at the Old Courthouse***

Friends of the Old Courthouse and Sheriff's House are organizing the first annual Gingerbread House Walk competition and display to debut Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, the evening of Lighting of the Square, beginning at 5:00 PM at the Old Courthouse. There is no charge to register before Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, or to view the delightful final exhibition through Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. Local celebrity judges will award prizes in the categories of Children, Family, Group and Business. Registration forms and entry rules are available at City Hall and online with more publicity forthcoming. Friends of the Old Courthouse also plan to sell gingerbread pins and glow items as a fundraiser at Lighting of the Square. [Click for Registration](#) See page 17 for more information.

## ***Recycling Drive***

The McHenry County Defenders are having a recycling drive on November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at the Green Living Expo at McHenry County College. They have a list of different items that they are accepting on the McHenry County Defenders [website](#) and on the McHenry County College website. The Defenders are accepting certain items like electronics and fluorescent tubes for a fee. Here are the websites in case anyone calls regarding the recycling drive.

## [WWW.WOODSTOCKIL.GOV](http://WWW.WOODSTOCKIL.GOV)

Each newsletter, we will highlight one section of our website and the information it offers. This month....

### **“Welcome Visitors”**

- [Woodstock Welcomes You!](#) - Listing and brief description of area attractions.
- [Woodstock Opera House](#) - Link to Opera House website.
- [Farmer's Market](#) - Information about the summer and winter Farmer's Market, dates and location.
- [Visitors' Guide to the Square](#) - Map and listing of businesses on and around the square
- [Seasonal Events](#) - A break down of traditional events throughout the year, listed by season.
- [Area Attractions](#) - Happenings outside of Woodstock.
- [Real Woodstock](#) - Link to Real Woodstock website.
- [Historic Downtown Walking Tour](#) - A link to a guidebook created by Woodstock's Historic Preservation Commission.
- [Events / Arts / Entertainment](#) - A listing and links to goings on in the town.
- [Places to Stay](#) - Bed & Breakfast and hotel listings
- [Dining](#) - Over 50 sit down and fast food locations in Woodstock.
- [McHenry County CVB](#)—Link to McHenry County's Convention & Visitor Bureau.
- [Parking](#) - Rules and regulations on parking in Woodstock and a map to downtown parking.
- [Groundhog Days](#) - Brief history of Groundhog Days, schedules, maps and link to their website.
- [Lighting of the Square](#) - Information on the day after Thanksgiving Event.
- [Summer in the Park](#) - Links for registrations, photos and schedules of the summer event.
- [History](#) - A brief history of how the town came to be.
- [Awards](#) - A listing of awards throughout the years received by Woodstock.



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Hours:

8:30 am - 5:00 pm  
 M, W, Th, F  
 8:30 am - 7:00 pm  
 Tuesdays unless  
 otherwise posted

**Building & Zoning**  
 815-338-4305  
**Economic Development**  
 815-338-3176  
**Finance & Billing**  
 815-338-4300  
**Opera House**  
 815-338-4212  
**Police Department**  
 815-338-2131  
**Public Library**  
 815-338-0542  
**Public Works**  
 • Parks  
 • Streets  
 • Sewer  
 • Water  
 815-338-6118  
**Recreation**  
 815-338-4363

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 “True to its past and confident of its future.”

**Reminder Newsletter Publish Dates**

*November 2016*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			



**City Meetings**  
**Open to the Public**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>
10/24/16	5:30 pm	Historic Preservation Commission	City Hall Council Chambers
10/27/16	7:00 pm	Plan Commission	City Hall Council Chambers
11/1/16	3:00 pm	City Council Workshop	Opera House Community Room
11/1/16	7:00 pm	City Council Meeting	City Hall Council Chambers
11/2/16	8:00 am	Economic Development Commission	City Hall Council Chambers
11/3/16	5:30 pm	Environmental Commission	City Hall Council Chambers
11/3/16	6:00 pm	Cultural & Social Awareness Commission and Environmental Commission	City Hall Council Chambers
11/3/16	7:00 pm	Library Board	City Hall Council Chambers



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## Dine out at Culver's

**When:** Thursday, October 27th

**Hours:** 4:00 p.m.- 10:00 p.m.

**Where:** Culver's, 1620 W. Lake Shore Dr. Woodstock

**Why:** Supporting Rotary Club of Woodstock's  
**Christmas Clearing House**

**How:** Just bring this flyer to the restaurant for dine-in or carry-out. Be sure to give the flyer to the cashier so that we can earn 20% back for Christmas Clearing House, a wonderful local program that provides a holiday dinner, children's gifts and warm gloves, personally delivered, to over 1000 families in need each December. This is a tremendous effort that succeeds because of the generosity of our community each year and we are grateful for your support!

A Huge thank you to Culver's owners Barry and Jan and the Culver's Team!

\*To maximize your fundraising dollars, we ask that coupons not be used during this time.\*

For Christmas Clearing House details, including how to donate or volunteer, please visit  
[www.woodstockcares.com](http://www.woodstockcares.com).

**Rotary**



The Rotary Club  
of Woodstock